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Mr. Allen McCloskey
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and Environmental Control
Division of Water Resources
89 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19903

SUBJECT: DISCHARGE 001
Permit No. DE 0000299
Allen Family Foods - Harbeson, DE

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

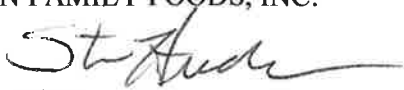
This letter is to follow up the 24 hour phone verification with your office that occurred on 3-23-05 concerning a monthly average TSS result for the month of February 2005. Per the notification requirements of Part II, Section A.2.(b.) of the above referenced permit, we report the following:

Allen's - Harbeson had a monthly daily average result of 162.1 lbs/day for the month of February 2005.

As we reported on 3-23-05, we had high effluent turbidity because of Norcardia growth due to higher MLSS concentration and less solubility of grease and oil at colder water temperatures. The control of this is to operate with a lower MLSS concentration, which we had to keep higher because of reduced efficiencies for nitrification at the lower temperatures. When we were able to increase solids removal by press because the temperature came back up, we were able to reduce the solids in the final effluent. This problem has corrected itself as we achieved 85.6 lbs/day the last week of February 2005, and we had 121 lbs/day and 55.9 lbs/day for the first two weeks of March 2005. We do not expect future impacts of this type due to the warming weather.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (302) 684-1640.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN FAMILY FOODS, INC.


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cc: Wastewater correspondence

